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Dear Mr. Beter,

I am writing to express my concern regarding the possibility of dredging near Horseshoe and Casino Reefs. This is a particularly beautiful location that contains an abundance of very delicate hard and soft corals. The silt that will result from dredging in this particular location will most definitely have an adverse affect on the marine fauna that is within a few miles of the location. This silt can remain in the area for years to come and is easily stirred up and resuspended in the water. This will put a great deal of stress on the coral in particular and will affect visibility for diving and underwater photography. This is an area that I drive a great distance to dive and photograph on a regular basis. It is a major attraction for the diving community which helps to boost the local economy. Please reconsider the location for dredging in relation to the reefs. Sincerely, Jane Axman